International Students Newsletter

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Spring Into Spring!

One of the best ways to make memories during your international travel is to take advantage of the breaks in your school schedule to adventure. Many students were able to leave Humboldt and do a bit of exploring. Other folks stayed in Arcata, enjoying some well-deserved rest and to catch up on whatever needed attention (homework, reading, cooking, playing...).

No matter which option that you had over the break, we hope that you had a safe and wonderful time. In this newsletter, some of your fellow international students shared their experiences—read on to hear about their adventures!

Top: Some Brazilian students enjoy their adventures in Hanauma Bay, Hawaii. (Photo submitted by Caroline Miyazaki.)

Left: Caroline Miyazaki enjoys a well deserved rest from climbing over 1000 stairs on the Koko Head Trail in Oahu, Hawaii.

Right: Sofia Banu enjoys the sunshine of Miami, Florida.
March was full of tons of opportunities for fun, but none greater than spring break. From March 14th through the 22nd, students had a chance to take a break from school and spend their time as they pleased. We asked you all to share stories and photos from your spring break experiences, and here is what you said!

Caroline Miyazaki spent her spring break on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. She was there for 9 days and had a great experience. Caroline tells us about some of her adventures in Oahu. “I have many stories to tell, but the most striking was doing the Dead Man’s Catwalk Trail,” she says. The trail had the most beautiful view she’d ever seen. She also hiked the Koko Head Trail: “It is more than 1,000 stairs, with an incredible view of the top of the volcano.” In Hanauma Bay, Caroline met up with some HSU students from Brazil.

Pinar Tuerkben and Sofia Banu both spent their spring break in Florida with a group of international students. They went to theme parks such as Universal Studios and Aquatica in Orlando and went to the beach in Miami.

“[Universal Studios] was pretty cool, especially the Harry Potter World,” Pinar says. “I was amazed! I didn’t want to leave it!” Pinar recollects that the people were friendly and she was happy to find lots of restaurants serving food, such as halal, from a diverse range of cultures. She also enjoyed her time spent at the beach and at Aquatica.

Both Pinar and Sofia enjoyed the opportunity to experience a new state. “The moments spent from the hectic airport of San Francisco to
Spring Break Adventures (cont’d)

the fiery beach of Miami, colorful and amusement parks of Universal Studios, Island of Adventure and the water parks were full of energy and adventure,” Sofia remembers. “It was a time of immense pleasure for me especially, because since I have been here this was my first trip ever to any other states of America beside California. It was a great exposure and a nice experience of another different culture over there.”

Wherever your spring break took you, we hope you had fun!

MAD RIVER CLEAN-UP PARTY!
SATURDAY, APRIL 25
9AM - NOON

Meet @ Stardough’s in Blue Lake at 8:45 am to get your clean-up area assignment.

Please let us know you’ll be joining us! 707-382-6162
madriveralliance@suddenlink.net

WWW.MADRIVERALLIANCE.ORG

Important Immigration Reminder!

With summer approaching, we know many students have the opportunity to move. Remember, you are required to report any changes to your physical address within 10 days of your move.

Reporting your new change of address is easy and convenient when you use the online form found by clicking on the following link:

Change of Address Form

HUMBOLDT RISING!
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015 12-6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL EVENTS FIELD, HSU

A free music event!

Featuring: Comfortable, Dahi Lola, Diggin Dirt, Indiocholo, Liquid Cactus, seatones and Spliff Moth!
Call 826-3928 for info
The Center for International Programs is very proud of the many successes for folks from this department for their success as an Outstanding Student for 2014-15!

Outstanding Research Award: Joao Curti (Brazil)

Al Elpusan Award for Student Activism: Sierra Farmer (CIP Front Reception Assistant)

Patricia McConkey Outstanding Graduate Student: Benjamin Taylor (IELI Instructor)
STUDY SMARTER FOR LESS STRESS

College students may have the hardest balancing act of all. It’s especially difficult to keep it all together when you have classes, exams, plus a job and maybe team practice too. How is a person supposed to get it all done? Some of these tips may help to lessen stress and feel more in control.

PLAN AHEAD
There is something very powerful about time management. Use a daily calendar, a palm pilot, or your computer to keep track of your tests, assignment due dates, study sessions and personal engagements. Scheduling can prevent unnecessary stress.

DIVIDE THE WORK INTO CHUNKS
Breaking a big project up into smaller tasks that are more manageable can make it less overwhelming.

DON’T PROCRASTINATE
Putting things off can make things harder by adding unnecessary stress.

TAKE STUDY BREAKS
Even if it is only for five minutes, it may help; you might also try studying in 45 minutes blocks to keep yourself focused.

GET UP AND STRETCH PERIODICALLY
This is especially good to do during planned breaks. If you are inside, you may want to go for a walk outside.

DON’T SKIMP ON SLEEP
Try to maintain a regular sleep schedule that gives your body as much rest as it needs to stay healthy and productive.

EXERCISE DAILY
Just 20-30 minutes of aerobic activity can help your overall well-being. If you don’t have time, try using the stairs instead of the elevator, or walking to class instead of getting a ride. It gives your complete being a boost all over.

EAT NUTRITIOUS, REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEALS
When you need that late night snack, try not to order the sub with everything or the cheeseburger – opt for a healthier snack food (raisins, apples, carrots, nuts, etc.) Be sure to drink at LEAST 8-12 full glasses of water daily.

BE AWARE OF SELF MEDICATING
Limit or moderate use and consumption of caffeine, soda, tobacco, marijuana, alcohol and other drugs. These types of substances ultimately carry a negative impact on a person’s ability to cope with stress in a healthy and preventative manner.

It’s All About BALANCE!
Celebrating Student Leadership Week

Leadership Fair: April 22nd
April 21st-23rd
Campus-wide workshops and presentations geared toward current and aspiring student leaders!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- ✓ Tues. April 21st, NHE 120, 2-3:00p.m.
  - "Tech-It to the Limit" presented by Marissa Mourer

- ✓ Tues. April 21st, NHE 106, 5-6:00p.m.
  - "Leadership Reflection Activity" presented by Michele Miyamoto

- ✓ Wed. April 22nd, NHE 106, 2-4p.m.
  - "Leaders Wanted! How to Market your Skills" presented by Molly Kresl & Cherry Ouellette

- ✓ Wed. April 22nd, KBR, 2-5:00p.m.
  - "Student Engagement Fair"

- ✓ Thurs. April 23rd NHE 113, 2-4:00p.m.
  - "Introduction to Student Leadership Values" presented by Tay D. Triggs

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